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COLLEGE GUEST HOUSE.

Food And The War

A Call to Patriotic Service

A chance for valuable patriotic service, service for which the college woman is especially qualified, is presented to every member of Wellesley College. The authorities of the College are cooperating with the National Food Administration to meet one of the most serious needs which the Administration faces,—the need of enough trained persons to carry to all corners of the country the vital facts of food conservation, for the building up of intelligent public opinion and action.

A course of sixteen lectures on *Food and the War* is to be given at Wellesley by Mrs. Aubrey Hilliard, a notable food authority. The lectures, for which no fee is required, are to be given in the Barn at 7.30 on Monday evenings, beginning with February 18. They will include a general survey of the food problem of the world and the effect of the war upon it. By showing the facts which necessitate food control they will enable those who attend to cooperate intelligently with the Food Administration and to present the reasons for such cooperation to others.

Here is a definite patriotic task for every college woman, from freshman to professor. Probably there is no single member of the College who does not know or cannot discover some group of people that she is especially well fitted to reach. We lament often our too comfortable and seemingly useless existence, we feel that the case and tranquility of our student life are being paid for by others at a price that shames us. Here is a plain piece of service for which our government considers us especially suited. It costs sixteen hours of our best attention, a little readjustment and sacrifice of personal plans, perhaps a little discomfort and embarrassment at venturing to face some small audience this summer.

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THE COLLEGE GUEST HOUSE.

In the early days of the college, Wellesley was known for its generous hospitality. Visitors from every part of the United States and also famous personages from across the sea were warmly welcomed and cordially entertained in College Hall. As the college grew, every available inch of space was needed for students, and numerous guest rooms were quite impossible. Accordingly, the college guests had to be limited in number and after College Hall burned down a still further check was placed upon the number of visitors. Now, however, it is hoped that Wellesley may resume her old time hospitality. It seems especially fitting that the home of Mr. and Mrs. Durant should be used as the college guest house and should welcome all friends of Wellesley College, and also its own devoted alumnæ.

The Durant house has been little changed, structurally, aside from the enlargement of the windows in the drawing-room, the new windows in the hall, and the fireplace in the old conservatory. It was necessary, however, to redecorate and to refurnish it. On entering the Guest House, one steps into a cheery hall with soft white woodwork and panels of charming landscape paper. The paper represents gorgeous castles and mountains and palm trees and gaily colored flowers, and the scene is most aptly called "El Dorado." The paper came from Alsace and was made from a hundred and eighty blocks. It was through the aid of two alumnæ that the paper was procured, and much of the charming result is due to Miss Bertha K. Straight, of the Art Department, who gave up many hours in order to arrange the panels, and to her sister. On the right of the hall is a reception room with dark woodwork and dull gold walls. Here there is an interesting old mirror which used to hang in the Browning Room in College Hall, and two or three carved

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Labor And Money

To Make the War Farm a Reality

Wellesley's war garden is fast becoming a reality. To the committee in charge and particularly to Dr. Ferguson, the Foreman, the response made to the slogan "an all college war garden" is most gratifying. More than eleven hundred pledges of money or applications for work have come in. Nearly a thousand dollars has been subscribed or paid. About four hundred have volunteered for spring work and over two hundred have applied for a place in the summer squads, as farm hands or as housekeepers. Any members of the college still wishing to help in financing the farm may send checks or pledges to the Secretary, Miss Mabel A. Stone. As soon as the lists of summer workers have been definitely compiled they will be printed in the NEWS.

THE LITTLE MARTYRS OF BELGIUM.

Miss Bates gratefully acknowledges the receipt of ten dollars for the Belgians from one of the warmest-hearted students in College, with one of the coldest names. Professor Leon Dupriez, now at Harvard, writes in acknowledgment, under date of February 4:

"I received this morning your kind letter with the check for ten dollars. When converted into francs this makes already a big sum in Belgium, and helps to give food to many children for a week. Please transmit to the generous donor our best thanks. I received today a letter from Mme. Dupriez, telling that she is so busy in California, where she has often to give two lectures on the same day, that she finds it impossible to write to anybody in Massachusetts. She was very happy to hear of the check for fifty dollars that you sent sixteen days ago, and asks you to excuse her for not having herself expressed her gratitude to Wellesley."

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OUR COLLEGE PRIVILEGE.

The Fuel Administration, in conference with the heads of colleges from all over New England, has decided that the colleges shall not be called upon to close during the coal shortage. The inference is that colleges are fulfilling a function so valuable and essential to our nation in this crisis, that their continuation in session is not only justifiable but necessary. This decision of the Administration implies a confidence, not only in the tangible value of men's colleges, where definite military training has been undertaken, but also in the importance of women's colleges, and in the great service they can render in a time of national need. The acknowledgment of such confidence must give us pause.

If we are in a position to do this much for our country, we cannot now fail to realize our enormous individual responsibility. Perhaps the actual need for material supplies, the serious lack of commodities and resources which we have always taken for granted, has never been brought so forcibly before us as during this winter of exceptional and bitter cold. All of us have felt its difficulties, in one way or another; and all of us must have realized the enormous burden of suffering which it has meant to the people. That we are to continue in session, under these conditions, is a privilege for which we must pay with even greater loyalty and more untiring service than we have yet shown.

There are no strikingly new suggestions which we must feel called upon to follow; no daring and exceptional plans which we must hasten to undertake. The great issues of the war are clear to us all by this time; and our great duties during the war have been pointed out to us again and again by those who were most competent to show us. It is not so much our part to discover new service as to be vigilant in fulfilling that which we already know to be essential. To do our utmost for the war organizations which we have joined; to give our utmost for War Relief, even to the point of increased sacrifice; to conserve food and light and fuel with added fervor; these are the common duties whose importance we have only half realized. Then there are the other great duties which our college training has helped us to see; the duties which affect our self-development, our character, our ideals and standards, and which help us to fit ourselves for leadership in the tremendous work which awaits us.

These duties we have known before, and have not neglected; but never, perhaps, has their value been brought home to us so forcibly. Let us make ourselves still more worthy of the trust with which our Government has honored us; and if it is our privilege to continue here in our college work, let it be our greater privilege to show that this trust has not been placed in vain.

OPERA.

Once again Boston is to have the treat of a season of grand opera and Wellesley, one of the few colleges especially fortunate in its situation near Boston, should not be negligent in taking advantage of this opportunity. Pleas for war time economy may be given, but toward performances so notably cultural and educational as well as enjoyable, such economy is decidedly ill-directed. A time like the present, when the general atmosphere is so tense, is the time above all others when real art should be expressed and patronized. It is this appreciation of art which lifts us above the physical realities of war and which, when peace is declared, will be a vital force in restoring the country to its normal condition.

Judging from the success of the Chicago company this winter, the public seems to be realizing this. After the first few days in New York, the house was sold out regularly. In Boston, the supply of tickets is being rapidly depleted. Wellesley is buying some, but it seems to be Wellesley's music students, rather than Wellesley's students in general, who are attracted. As yet we have bought but five hundred dollars' worth, in spite of the fact that our portion has been figured at eighteen hundred.

The Chicago Grand Opera Company comes February 18 and during its two weeks' stay will present the best of old and new operas, starred by such notable artists as Galli-Curci, Mary Garden, and Melba. There are many others, both men and women, who are making their appearance for the first time and proving most successful. The company needs and deserves our patronage, the country needs to have such art encouraged, but most of all we as individuals must not neglect the aesthetic side of our lives or the appreciation of art at its highest.

FREE PRESS.

All contributions for this column must be signed with the full name of the author. Only articles thus signed will be printed. Initials or numerals will be used in printing the articles if the writer so desires.

The Editors do not hold themselves responsible for opinions and statements which appear in this column.

Contributions should be in the hands of the Editors by 9 A. M. on Monday.

I.

THE HONOR SYSTEM.

In answer to an editorial appearing in the NEWS of January 31 a member of the College community requests that we print the following excerpt from *School, College and Character* by Le Baron Russell Briggs, President of Radcliffe College and Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Science of Harvard University.

...."For myself, I cannot see why a proctor in the examination room is more than a reasonable safe-guard, or why his presence there should be more offensive than that of a policeman in the street,—to a student honest and mature. It is only boys (whatever their age) who take umbrage when a man counts their change, or verifies their assertions, or audits their accounts, or refuses without security to cash their checks, or refuses to please them by testifying to what he does not know. . . . Moreover, so far as my experience goes, the hotbeds of college cheating are not the important examinations superintended by proctors; they are written 'quizzes' in the classroom, or themes. . . Theoretically, though in a doubtful case I should always accept the word of a suspected student, I object to the honor system as nursing a false sensitiveness that resents a kind of supervision which everybody must sooner or later accept, and as taking from the degree some part of its sanction. . . . Yet, practically, I am told, the honor system bids fair, where it has been adopted, 'to revolutionize the whole spirit of undergraduate intercourse with the Faculty.' . . . Besides, I have yet to meet a single man who has lived under the honor system (as I have not) who does not give it, in spite, perhaps, of *a priori* scepticism, his absolute faith. Sound or unsound, the honor system has in it signs of hope....."

II.

CONFORMITY IN COLLEGE.

So much has been said lately about the monotonous conformity among college girls, echoed on the Heretics' Bulletin Board, in the NEWS, and thus starting new impetus to the discussion, that one is encouraged to think that some girls, at least, are beginning to realize, with somewhat more seriousness than formerly, that the college is not what it should be, and are dimly looking about for reasons, and means of improvement.

To my mind the general sameness among college girls, more superficial than fundamental, but nevertheless dangerous to the development in the average girl of any distinctive individuality, is perfectly natural, and to a certain extent inevitable. In the home the members of the family are much alike; everyone is naturally an imitator to a greater or less extent. But in contrast to members of other families, or other communities, they seem individual. So freshmen in college, coming from different parts of the country, and from homes that are always isolated in some respects, are refreshing to some members of the college who are tired of upper class conformity. In rubbing up against many girls, then, the average freshman imitates, often unconsciously, the accepted type, the girl with the push, and avoids to a certain extent the apparently eccentric girl.

The trouble with the conformity in Wellesley College is that it is so very apparent, it is so extremely superficial, and seems to be present almost everywhere. It seems to say that as long as people in college aren't in real life yet, there's no use in being too serious about things, lessons are necessary evils to be overcome; let them stay in their place, out of sight, out of mind as soon as possible, so that the girl may enjoy herself with her friends. It is all right to become emotionally wrought up, be moved to tears by a wonderful preacher, and plan wonderful achievements, but intellectual exercise, as such, is rather tabooed. I am taking an extreme view of the case, and must say that there are many exceptions, and many undercurrents of real feeling and thought in many girls, in all probability, who conform most strictly in their outward life to "the thing." They have not the courage or the energy to assert themselves, and their individual impulses are bound to degenerate or disappear.

The question comes before one's mind, how is the standard of conformity to be bettered? I think the attitude of the whole college would be improved by the adoption of some of the much discussed vocational courses. In this time of great industrial need for women, it seems to me that girls would jump at the chance to prepare themselves, during their junior and senior years, for some definite work in the world. The teachers in these courses, presumably of high standard, would point out the great benefit to be gained from electing so-called cultural courses in connection with the vocational courses. The girls as a whole would have some more definite aim in view, and would be more apt to apply their smattering of this, that and the other, to a wider understanding, or background to their vocational subjects. *Definite preparation* implies a certain degree of seriousness and responsibility, and with this I do not believe the girls as a rule would shut up their academic and non-academic activities, as has been said, in two water-tight compartments of their minds. With this attitude of deeper conformity among the upper classmen,

more open and interested discussion, would arise a spirit more worthy of a higher institution of learning. M. H. W., '19.

III.

AFTERMATH.

"I haunt Freshmen! I am Midyears!" That is just how we felt about it all through the fall whenever we thought of them and especially since Christmas when they were constantly in our minds. We remembered tales of woe and weak eyes connected with the examinations and trembled at any mention of them.

But now that they are over almost all of us agree that they were not bad at all. With regret, as we hurry to our eight-forty classes, we remember the mornings when we could slumber until nine or ten. There was plenty of time for dancing and skating and walking. The organ recitals every morning after chapel were a treat. Besides all this, dances were arranged at the Barn, and many delightful things were planned for the "poor" freshmen. The juniors at Freeman gave a thrilling war play, portraying the courage of Etcetera Etceteravitsch, the Russian spy. Jollity reigned supreme except during examination periods and the time spent in studying for them. Strange to say, we became serious during those hours but the mood was not lasting. No one was gloomy for long and we saw more of each other than ever before.

Where were all the distracted girls with wet towels around their heads? What happened to the frantic discussions after an examination that we had heard so much about? Perhaps the war dispelled them all.

We admit that we are glad they are over but rather as a step taken toward our goal than because they constituted an ordeal. "It was much easier than I expected," seemed to be the characterization of many of the examinations. On the whole, we have decided that these two weeks were as enjoyable as the first week here at college—if anything, a little bit more so. We have found our places in the life of the college, made our friends, and done our "bit." E. B. S., '21.

APPOINTMENT BUREAU.

The Secretary's Office receives the War Council number of the South Atlantic Field Committee of the Y. W. C. A. The work of the War Council in Florida is set forth in a very interesting way by Mrs. Frank E. Jennings of Jacksonville (Minerva P. Phelps, '89-'91).

Nos. 28, 29. Two experienced librarians, one reference, the other cataloguing, are desired for work under the War Department at Washington, D. C. The successful applicant must be a college graduate and a graduate of a library school, with experience. The age limit is from twenty-two to forty years. Salaries vary from $1,200 to $1,500. Anyone who would like to apply for either of these positions should address Miss Caswell, 58 Administration Building, that instructions regarding the more formal application may be given and credentials sent.

POSITIONS FOR THE "ALL-ROUND" GIRL.

The Philadelphia Bureau of Occupations for Trained Women reports an increasing number of opportunities developing at this time, for the college girl who has had no specialized training beyond practical experience in college activities.

These openings are largely in girls' club work and allied positions. The Y. W. C. A. is calling for club leaders, educational directors, extension secretaries, industrial secretaries. Church and religious organizations, such as the Girls' Friendly Society and the Christian Endeavor, need more volunteer leaders. More and more department stores and factories are calling for educational leaders and welfare workers. In some instances the new demand is directly due to the expansion of activities made necessary by war conditions; in others staffs have been depleted by the drafting of their members into direct war work. And perhaps the most urgent call is for organizers of direct war work, from various patriotic leagues and war committees.

An applicant for one of these positions must have executive ability and must be a good leader. Even if she has not been trained as a public speaker, if she can hold peoples' attention and put a message squarely and plainly, she may be more effective in gaining her point than an elocutionist. The girl who has worked on college weeklies and class books, had executive training in any college activities, coached dramatics, managed gym meets, planned pageants, been a treasurer who can balance her accounts, or been a successful toastmistress at a class dinner—can use any and all of her talents without further training.

Additional post-college training in recreation courses and courses in physical education will fit her to meet a growing permanent demand all over the country, which is particularly acute just now for "war workers" to supplement the work of the War and Navy Departments Commissions on Training Camp Activities. In the neighborhoods of all the large cantonments is an increasing need to extend and vary the forms of recreation.

These recreation leaders need not themselves be gymnasts or actresses or musicians; but they must know how to direct and organize the community activities already established, and develop and employ all the latent forces in the neighborhood. They must be able to correlate and bring into harmony all the educational societies, civic organizations, private charities, etc., interested in playground and recreational activities. They must know how to increase the membership of girls' and boys' clubs already started. They must utilize amateur theatricals and orchestras for community meetings, plan big meetings of general interest, and at the same time provide for the wider development of small gatherings, gymnastics, dancing, singing, sewing, arts and crafts, etc. They must also know how to write a good report, prepare publicity material for circulars, magazines and newspapers, address a meeting—and govern a committee and make it work!

A CORRECTION.

The NEWS of February 7 in the report of Mr. Frederick C. Walcott's recent lecture on *Food Shortage and Our Responsibility* misrepresented his statement concerning Germany's attitude toward relief work in Poland. What Mr. Walcott actually said was that Von Hindenburg requested aid for Poland from the Belgian Commission, because, as was later revealed, the terrible conditions there were breaking the morale of his own soldiers. However, by the time the Commission was ready to bring aid to the Polish sufferers, German officials had decided that the advantage of being able to exploit Poland as Belgium had been exploited was so great that they refused to allow the relief work to go on.

Out of their Own Mouths

THEY

ARE CONDEMNED

Here is a protest of a German soldier, an eye-witness of the slaughter of Russian soldiers:

"It was frightful, heartrending, as these masses of human beings were driven to destruction. Above the terrible thunder of the cannon could be heard the heartrending cries of the Russians: 'O Prussians! O Prussians!'—but there was no mercy. Our captain had ordered: 'The whole lot must die; so rapid fire.'"

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MORNING CHAPEL.

In his chapel sermon of February 10, President John M. Thomas of Middlebury College stressed the fact that Christianity is vital and of most value only when Christ's spirit possesses the soul so that religion becomes more than observance of law and precept, imitation of Christ's example, or loyalty to Christian organization. Mr. Thomas pointed out that the transformation that changed Saul of Tarsus, Pharisee of the Pharisees, to Paul the Christian enthusiast, is wrought when self is crucified with Christ so that Christ lives within and the life is freed for the utmost devotion to truth and loyalty to high vision.

L. B., '20.

Marjorie Beach and Alice Joy led the Christian Association Song Services on February 6.

AN INTERCLASS COMPETITION.

The Surgical Dressings Committee reports only 3950 dressings completed last semester. However, the Committee hopes that 10,000 will be made this spring. A competition between 1918, 1919 and 1920 to see which class can complete the greatest number will start at once, the results to be posted each week.

VASSAR'S PLATTSBURG FOR NURSES.

The following article printed in the *Boston Evening Transcript* for January 25 gives the plan whereby Vassar will be put to a patriotic use during the summer months, when the buildings would otherwise be idle.

"Carrying out its plan to put the college plant to some patriotic use during the idle months, the board of trustees has decided that Vassar College, for the summer of 1918, will become a training camp for nurses. The Vassar idea will be to train intensively a battalion of women as nurses, turning over the entire college plant for the purpose. It is to be known during next summer as the Vassar Training Camp for Nurses, and is to be managed as such under the auspices of the Government and financed by the Red Cross. It will be a training school for nurses, open to college women from those colleges which are recognized by the Association of Collegiate Alumnæ. The number of students will not be limited, but all students who are physically and temperamentally unfit will be excluded. A brilliant faculty is now being recruited from all over the country, many members of which will be French, as a great part of the instruction will be given in French. Courses will be given in diatetics, nutrition, chemistry, biology, physiology, anatomy, bacteriology, psychology, pathology, drugs and solutions, and the study and history of nursing; and the Poughkeepsie Tuberculosis hospital, which is near the college, the Dutchess County Insane Asylum, and the several other institutions will be visited and inspected by observation clinics. Many large hospitals of the country are to be affiliated with the Vassar Training Camp and will receive the students for further training after their course at the camp has been completed. These hospitals have been asked to reduce their period of training to the briefest possible time. Students will enter probably in groups of ten to forty, some with the purpose of concluding their studies in the base hospitals in France. Enough hospitals to place two hundred women have already signified their willingness to cooperate with the training school."

NOTICE.

Will the person who borrowed the large green sled from Pomeroy basement last week please return it as soon as possible?

Mr. Wilson Townsend Moog,
Assistant Professor of Music, Smith College, and Organist of Edwards Congregational Church, Northampton, Mass., who will give a recital in the Memorial Chapel on Thursday, February 21.

MUSICAL VESPERS.

The program for musical vespers for next Sunday, February 17, will be as follows:

Processional: 161-162
Hymn: 822
Service Anthem: Mount Carmel *Arthur Foote*
(Written expressly for the Wellesley Choir)
Psalm 19
Choir: "Lord, Thy goodness" *Beethoven*
Organ: Slow movement from the Sonata in G minor *Dudley Buck*
Thanksgiving *Skilton*
Choir: "Wilt Thou not visit me?" *O. A. Mansfield*
(Written expressly for the Wellesley Choir)
Recessional: 93 *Louise Crawford*

The organ solos will be played by Professor Charles Sanford Skilton, Kansas University; the service, by Professor Macdougall.

FOOD INVESTIGATION IN COLLEGE DORMITORIES.

We all realize the great importance of the measures being taken to conserve food for our allies as well as for our own consumption. More and more time and effort are being spent to cut down the waste and to save essentials. Trained men and women appointed by the Government are in many cases in charge of these investigations. To aid in its examination into the food situation, the Government asked for statistics from 1000 different sources, such as private homes, hotels, institutions, and schools. It was upon the suggestion of the Government that several college houses, Claflin, Cazenove, and Wood on the campus, and Webb, Noanett, and Eliot in the village, made an inquiry into the amount of food consumed and wasted. The number of people eating, the number of meals per person, and the health of the group were taken into consideration. At the beginning of the week all the supplies to be used were weighed. After each meal during the next week the food that might have been eaten, not such refuse as peelings and bones, was separated into groups of vegetables, milk, and other fats, and weighed. At the end of the week the results were compiled and sent to the Government committee. It was not thought advisable for various reasons by those in charge that the figures be made public, but the averages compare favorably with the amount of food per capita allowed by the committee of women in charge of food investigation in New York City. The amount of waste was less than what was expected, but can be made much better. Although we have not figures to show exactly where we stand, we can at least realize the importance of this situation and do our utmost to help.

E. P., '21.

The College Guest House.

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chairs which also escaped the fire. The dining room just beyond is also in gold and brown. Opening from the reception room, and with a separate outside entrance, is the most unique room on the campus. It is a big room with many windows and a large fireplace decorated with the new Wellesley seal, and it is a room for men—where they can read and talk—and smoke! On the left of the hall is a small drawing-room in soft mauve. Here a tall bronze stork welcomes those who remember him in the famous Browning Room. Back of this room, and with long windows looking across the lake, is the drawing room, perhaps the most charming room in the whole house. The wall paper is the original, and is a French paper with small mauve and gold medallions. The hangings are mauve and the little electric candles in their gilt sconces have tiny mauve shades.

Upstairs everything is as artistic and charming as downstairs. The college guest rooms are almost too good to be true. There is the dull green one with its deep purple-blue cretonne curtains. There are the two gold and white rooms, and the little Chinese room with its green and white paper depicting jolly little Chinese children at play, a serious sage and his intent disciple, a chubby, squat Buddha, and the inevitable dragon. The furniture in this room is of Chinese lacquer, and some of the teakwood belonging to College Hall is to be added. At the end of the hall is the blue room, the gift of Dr. Stimson. The soft blue walls and draperies, and the four windows, each framing a picture, make it most attractive. On the next floor are the rooms for the college alumnæ. These are furnished simply but most delightfully. The coverings and hangings are of gay cretonnes, and the painted furniture matches in design.

Miss Lucy J. Freeman of the class of '97 is Resident Alumna at the house, and it is to her that the College is indebted for the supervision which has restored to the college community an old association and which gives us promise of a delightful new one.

It is intended that the house shall be a common meeting place for the friends, outsiders and insiders, of Wellesley, those interested in aiding her growth as a college, and in increasing her value to the community. It cannot, at present, be used as an Inn or as a club, uses most desirable in themselves, but for which the house is now not adapted or equipped.

The alumnæ are invited to enjoy the hospitality of the house, under the conditions now governing their entertainment in college dormitories. The Faculty may have friends entertained there when rooms are available according to the usual college custom. After the house is in running order, it is planned to serve tea every afternoon to which faculty and alumnæ are always invited and welcome.

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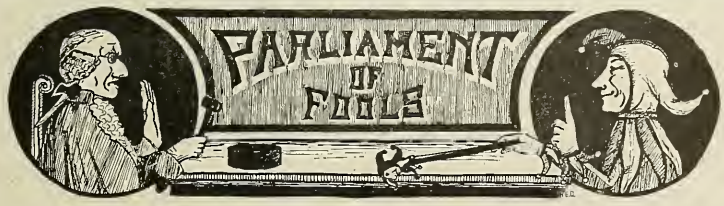

EN TRANSIT.

Go, little jokelet, go!
  Wearing a smilesome name,
Till everywhere that you have went
  They're glad that you have came.
—*King College Magazine.*

But little joke, take care!
  In Boston should you was
Select more sober grammar, dear,
  Whatever else you does.

EDITORIALS

Let us bless whoever wrote 'em,
  Highest honor (?) we may vote 'em,
But we love him best who reads 'em,
  Let us praise whoever heeds 'em.

WAR TIME VALENTINES.

Dear one, I ask no sweeter task—
(Wait till I put on my gas mask)
Than this I set myself to do.
(The blooming shrapnel's bursting through),
I write to tell you of my love
(A Fritzie airman's up above)
Which stronger grows from day to day;
(He dropped a bomb a rod away)
So if you'll be my—(Hully gee!
A whiz-bang spilled my ink for me!)

Dan Cupid wears the khaki,
And on the war path goes—
With gas mask, sword, and helmet
And bombs to meet his foes—
With musketry and cannon
(Oh, maidens fair, pray stop!)
No telling what may happen
When Dan goes "o'er the top"!

1920.

THE CAMPUS CAT.*

Education.

My sister's been to college
And she thinks she's very bright,
  She studied Sociology
From morning until night;
I wonder if my sister knows
  Her hair's an awful sight!
She doesn't like the way I eat
And slouch down in my chair;
She says my tie is never straight—
I wonder if she knows I hate
That hat I see her wear!
The way she talks is different too
She screws her words around
And says "Marther and idee-er"
Oh glory, what a sound!
I wonder if she's missing yet
  That diary I found—
But mother shakes her head and says,
"O some day she'll recover—
It is a stage they all go through
And it will soon be over!"
I wonder if my sister knows
What we are thinking of her!

Methought I saw a big fat duck
A-waddling down the street;
I looked again and saw it was
A Girl—with flapping feet.
Dear me, I said, your overshoes
When open, are petite!

*Note.—A weird phenomenon has taken place at Smith College this year—one never noticed before. After irregular intervals of time a strange "Cat" appears on the campus. At 3 A. M., on unexpected mornings, it wanders from house to house, until it has completed its circuit—then it vanishes, to reappear weeks later. No one knows where it comes from, no one knows at what moment it will spring out at her. It comes in the twinkling of an eye, labelled *The Campus Cat*, "Published when the Spirit Moves."

One of these illusive beasts was caught by a Wellesley conjurer the other night and upon its being vivisected it was found to be a unique college publication. All the radical news, the sauciest verse, the most brazen suggestions, are printed in the single sheet edition. A sarcastic jibe is given the college fuel conservation effort; ditties of all kinds hit faculty and students. But on the whole, the sheet is snappy and spontaneous—and in a way corresponds to Wellesley's Heretic's Board, where free opinions, unsigned, are permitted. The editorial staff of the *Campus Cat* as well as the publishers remain unknown. Out of a clear sky —the "cat" drops with its contagiously humorous howl.

Freshman (working to a pitch in the Comp. exam. on the question "Why I prefer city to country")—"I would rather see the countenances of living men than birds!"

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THE OLD KIT BAG.

Editor's Note:—This column is to consist of letters received from abroad. Help the editor by sending in any parts of your letters which you consider interesting enough to print. Contributions should be addressed to the Editor of the Old Kit Bag, and sent to the News Office, Chapel Basement, or handed to one of the News editors.

The following are excerpts received from a young Y. M. C. A. Secretary on active service in France.

Paris.

How cheery your letter is—and it has come just when I need and want it, for nearly broken with less than twelve hours sleep in the last 72, and under a terrific strain of work, I have run in from a base to Paris and sit for a few minutes in the Champs Elysee roadside to read my mail. Without waiting, I use my notebook paper to thank you. That must have been a wonderful camping trip but I agree with you that I prefer our kind of camping while the Allemand thunder at the gates. And some camping it is. Rain, driving rain, wind, cold wind, have been our portion for about four days now, but this afternoon as I sit in Paris the sky is clear—the walk is dry, the leaves are browning on the trees and the sharp, somewhat cold wind tells something of autumn. Somehow, it seems to make up for the weather at camp. It all amounts to this though, and that is, that while there are some nights when we fellows all agree we would like just a look at home, we agree even more fully that the next morning we would want to be back on the job in France.

Things are booming over here and it is evident that America is going to do the business thoroughly. No stone is being left unturned. From the time when the soldiers come in on the transports—and it is inspiring to see them come—until they are finished at the advanced bases everything is done to make them efficient. It's the real way and we all hope the way to end the war next summer.

I have been on the field pushing education and have seen as many as 800 men in French classes at one time. Our two huts at times resemble a subway jam and always loud rings the praise of the Y. M. C. A. by the boys. Rain or shine, cold or warm, they are always on hand at everything.

American Y. M. C. A.
On Active Service with the
American Expeditionary Forces.
Oct. 17, 1917.

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A wild night this. As I sit in our little Y. M. C. A. hut, the rain plays a steady tattoo on the roof and the wind snaps at what little is movable. On every side is pitch blackness and only a slim tallow candle which I borrowed from an orderly enables me to keep these lines straight, for we have no lights tonight. And speaking of lines, I can't help thinking of the boys who are holding the front lines tonight. I can imagine them in a storm like this, crouching in the mud and rain, stirring but little, cussing the weather, but always sticking, with the sentries at intervals standing as Greek marble with their eyes glued to that inky blackness ahead, where lies the border of civilization. How I wish I were up in front with them tonight instead of this everlasting watchful waiting preparation to do the job.

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We have been singing "Over There" with perhaps a deeper thought tonight, and "The Boys are Coming" with another meaning for we are always looking away to sea here for the boys "who are coming." And how they come. Never shall I forget my first thrill as I saw a transport with men hanging from every vantage point come steaming majestically into the harbor. Behind her 3000 miles of sea, behind her the lurking cruiser, and behind her the dark, sneaking assassin of the deep. And as another and another and still others appear, I threw my hat into the air and yelled for joy. And then a mad race for the wharf and a glad welcome for the boys, with everybody shouting questions and answers from ship to dock and vice versa. "Have you seen any subs?" "Is the .... regiment here?" "When did you leave the states?" etc.

And later on the advance to camp and the three or four days of everlasting rush at the Association, when both plants are jammed to the doors, and the canteen looks like Grand Central subway at 6 P. M. Then the slipping away at 1, 3 and 5 in the morning of unit after unit and friend after friend into that great indefinite country "up front" until the camp again is empty and the transports come once more.

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And now with the day returned, rain shut off, and sun shining I finish my chat. They "flip us out" with the bugles at 5.45 and I have been up some time. We had a real chow this morning and therefore the sun shines even brighter.

But where are the transports? A question just asked again, which pops up very often now. We have seen none for a comparatively long time and it seems as though that narrow thread across the sea which connects this little bit of America in a foreign port with all that it cares most about, must have been temporarily interrupted. Have there been submarines? The wind has raged for three days and just dropped last night. Could they have been sunk? See the lines which run through our minds as we scan the horizon for the ships that do not come. I know now what those pictures of women waiting on the shores near fishing villages mean. * * *

MR. ANGELL'S SECOND LECTURE.

Some time ago Mr. Angell agreed to speak a second time in Wellesley for the open meeting of the Club for the Study of Socialism. Then it was not known that his first lecture was to be open to more than course ticket holders: but now we are sure all will want to her him again, especially as his second subject is one vital to all interested in history in the making.

Have you often wondered just what Socialism means? Seldom will you have the chance to hear such a clear and interesting answer to your question. Don't forget, then, to come to Billings Hall at 8.00 o'clock Wednesday, February 20, and hear Mr. Norman Angell speak on *Socialism and the Servile State: Will They be Synonymous?*

M. B. S., '18.

GRADUATE COURSES, 1918-19.

Graduate students and members of the Class of 1918 who desire to apply for admission to graduate work in Wellesley College in 1918-19 are notified that applications should be made before May 1, if possible. The following directions as to methods of procedure, are offered.

Application blanks and copies of the Graduate Circular issued for the present year can be obtained at the Registrar's office, and requests for the Graduate Circular of 1918-19 may be filed there.

The heads of departments in which students wish to work should be consulted as soon as possible.

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Further information and advice may be obtained from members of the Committee on Graduate Instruction.

ANNA J. McKEAG, *Chairman*,
Committee on Graduate Instruction.

FOOD AND THE WAR.

(Continued from page 1, column 1)

This is part of Mr. Hoover's explanation and appeal to the women of the American colleges:

"The United States Food Administration calls you to its service. Our need is so great that we appeal to you to prepare yourselves as best you can and to enlist for the great work that must be done.

"There will be diversity of tasks and therefore diversity of talent and training can be used. All our questions now center in food: its production, its distribution, its use and its conservation. The more you know about these things the more valuable you will be, and the greater will be your service to humanity. If you have not already done so, we urge you to pursue studies dealing especially with food, but these should be reinforced by courses in chemistry, physiology and economics. It will be well, too, if you have acquired the arts of public presentation of your knowledge to the people who so much need it. . . .

"Today your country asks you to resolve to do what you can in this hour of extreme peril to the democratic peoples of the world."

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"The first course will give the history and the organization of the Food Administration, its purposes and policies, as well as the most important facts regarding the world food situation. These are the things essential to an intelligent public opinion at this time. It is therefore confidently hoped that all colleges can find a place for it, and that it will be offered in such a manner that every woman student will be enrolled in it.

"Those who are in charge of the Food Administration permit themselves the new pleasure of comradeship in arms with the educational institutions of America.

"Faithfully yours,
"Herbert Hoover."

E. W. M.

Alumnæ Department

(The Editors are earnestly striving to make this department of value by reporting events of interest to Wellesley Alumnæ as promptly and as completely as is possible. The Alumnæ are urged to co-operate by sending notices to the Alumnæ General Secretary, Miss Mary B. Jenkins, or directly to the WELLESLEY COLLEGE NEWS.)

ALUMNÆ REGISTER.

The Alumnæ Office wishes to thank those who have been so kind about sending in changes of address for names on the lists recently published and posted. The Office still lacks the following addresses, and will be grateful for further help in regard to them. As proof is now being read, prompt information will be especially appreciated.

1885—Mrs. Charles E. Curtis (Emma F. Purington).
1889—Miss Mary A. Winston.
1895—Miss Ada Krecker.
1896—Miss Eva Loudon.
1898—Miss Alice R. Callaway.
Mrs. A. Edward Allen (Elizabeth E. Jones).
1900—Miss Charlotte B. Herr.
1904—Mrs. Edwin H. Vincent (Lilian A. McDonald).
1905—Miss Kate G. Wilson.
Mrs. Herbert French (Myrtle Goodman).
1910—Miss Beatrice L. Stevenson.
1913—Miss Josephine A. Welte.
1914—Miss Mary C. Wood.
1915—Miss Florence H. Tenny.

ENGAGEMENT.

'17. Rachel Brown to Captain Wilbur Dare Canaday, U. S. R.

MARRIAGES.

'16. Jones-Crandell. On January 1, at Brooklyn, N. Y., Edith Crandell to Captain Arthur Marion Jones, U. S. A. Address: 7th U. S. Cavalry, Fort Bliss, El Paso, Texas.

'16. Carter-Diehl. On December 29, at Brooklyn, N. Y., Florence Elizabeth Diehl to Sergeant Russell Gordon Carter, Harvard '16. Address: 451 Eighth St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

'16. Tuttle-Tyler. On January 24, at Brooklyn, N. Y., Eleanor Cowperthwaite Tyler to Winthrop Searles Tuttle. Address: 80 Pierrepont St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

BIRTHS.

'08. On January 14, at Mt. Vernon, N. Y., a son, Edward Holland, to Mrs. R. F. Culver (Elizabeth McMillin, '04-'07).

'10. On January 10, at Chicago, Ill., a daughter, Barbara Castle, to Mrs. William R. Jordan (Ina Castle).

'11. On January 28, at Winchester, Mass., a daughter, Jean, to Mrs. Alexander S. MacDonald (Hazel Hunnewell).

'12. On January 31, a daughter, Eleanor, to Mrs. Dana H. Ferrin (Eleanor Wheeler).

DEATHS.

'98. On February 2, in Waban, Mass., Richard Hartwell Delano, husband of Louise *Wood* Delano.

'00. On January 24, Mrs. Frank H. Ball, beloved mother of Katherine F. Ball.

'15. On February 9, in Providence, R. I., Mrs. T. K. Benton, mother of Ruth K. Benton.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

'15. Mabel H. Havens to 905 Clinton Ave., Bridgeport, Conn.

Whereas: We, the members of the Class of 1906 desire to express our sincere grief over the death of our classmate Elizabeth Garfield Ogden, who, although she gave all too freely of her strength, energy and interest, found in each day's work a source of never failing joy and happiness, and

Whereas: We also desire to express our heartfelt sympathy to her family,

Be it Resolved: That these resolutions be sent to her mother and sister and be published in the WELLESLEY COLLEGE NEWS and the ALUMNAE QUARTERLY.

(Signed) RUTH LOUISE GOODWIN,
RUTH BERST HINE,
MARY FLORENCE CURTIS.

It was with a feeling of great sorrow that we, the members of the Class of 1906 heard of the death of Bertha Osgood. The sense of loss grows constantly more and more keen as we become conscious of the withdrawal of her energy and enthusiasm, which she bestowed upon us all so freely.

Whereas: The members of the class wish to express to her family and other friends their sympathy, be it resolved that the above be sent to her mother and sister and be published in the WELLESLEY COLLEGE NEWS and the ALUMNAE QUARTERLY.

(Signed) RUTH LOUISE GOODWIN,
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MARY FLORENCE CURTIS.

WELLESLEY WAR SERVICE COMMITTEE.

The Wellesley War Service Committee has been fortunate in securing Grace G. Crocker, '04, as its new chairman. $18,000 has now been paid or pledged towards the Unit for work in France. Under Miss Crocker's able leadership the Committee expects to see the remaining $12,000 raised in the next six weeks. So far, less than 1000 of Wellesley's 10,000 alumnæ and non-graduates have answered the call. Do not forget that every dollar helps. Do not forget that it is everyone's privilege to have a share in Wellesley's great undertaking.

LOST.

An Agora society pin with "Betty Osgood, Wellesley, 1918," engraved on the back. Please return to the owner, in C Beebe.

THE WELLESLEY RELIEF UNIT.

Mr. Henry P. Davison, chairman of the American Red Cross, has written the Wellesley War Service Committee that the Red Cross can use the Wellesley Relief Unit in France "if under able leadership and willing to work where and how directed by the American Red Cross." The Committee voted to accept service on these terms, first because this is practically the only way in which the Unit can now work in France to the best advantage, and second because it seems right and fitting that our Unit, representing every part of the country and every shade of opinion and sympathy, should go under the National organization. We are now mobilized, an integral part of America's great Civilian Army, ready to obey orders, to disregard personal preferences and to put our whole hearts into our allotted share of the national endeavor.

At the luncheon of the Boston Wellesley College Club on Saturday, February 9, $1,600 was pledged for the support of the Wellesley Unit.

FELLOWSHIP FOR GRADUATE STUDY.

The New York Diocesan Board of Religious Education of the Protestant Episcopal Church offers a fellowship of five hundred dollars for the year 1918-19, available for study in the field of Religious Education in some department of Columbia University.

This fellowship is open to men and women, who are members of the Episcopal Church and registered in some parish of the Diocese of New York, and who shall have received the bachelor's degree from a college or university of recognized standing, or who shall be considered by the University

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COLLEGE CALENDAR.

Friday, February 15. 5 P. M. At the Chapel, last address by Dr. King.
8 P. M. At Billings Hall. Reading of *The Taming of the Shrew* by Leland T. Powers.

Sunday, February 17. Houghton Memorial Chapel.
11 A. M. Communion Service. Dr. H. C. King of Oberlin College.
7 P. M. Vespers. Special Music. Charles S. Skilton at the organ.

Monday, February 18. 7.30 P. M. At the Barn. The first of the series of lectures on *Food and the War* by Mrs. Aubrey Hilliard.
8 P. M. At Billings Hall. Lecture under the auspices of the Department of Music by Prof. C. S. Skilton of the University of Kansas.

Tuesday, February 19. 8 P. M. At Billings Hall. College Lecture Course. Mr. Norman Angell will lecture on *The Political Factors of Allied Success.*

Wednesday, February 20. Christian Association Meetings.
7.15 P. M. At Stone Hall. Student Discussion Meeting.
7.15 P. M. Eliot Hall. Student Discussion Meeting.
8 P. M. At Billings Hall. Mr. Norman Angell will speak on *Socialism and the Servile State: Will They be Synonymous?*

Thursday, February 21. 8 P. M. At the Chapel. Organ Recital by Mr. Wilson T. Moog.

Committee on Admissions to have had the equivalent of a college education, and who at the time of making the application shall be not more than thirty years of age.

Three points will be considered in awarding the fellowship:

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The fellowship is awarded by the University Council on the nomination of the Committee on Higher Education of the New York Diocesan Board of Religious Education of the Protestant Episcopal Church. The holder of such fellowship is required to pay tuition and all other fees, and is subject to the general regulations governing University Fellowships.

Applications must be made by personal letter from the candidate to the Secretary of the Committee, accompanied by:

(1) A certificate from the registrar of the college or university which awarded the degree or degrees previously received. (2) Evidence of sound health. (3) An account of previous educational and religious training and a definite statement of plans for future work and of the reasons for applying for the fellowship. (4) Testimonials as to ability and character, from qualified judges.

Applications for this fellowship for the year 1918-19 must be in the hands of the Secretary of the Committee on or before March 1st.

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FOR ARMY LIBRARIES.

The demand for books for libraries in the camps and cantonments here and abroad is imperative. Recently a Y. M. C. A. man came into a library in charge of the distribution of such books, and asked for five thousand books to be put on transports which were about to sail. Arrangements have been made by the American Library Association with the Government by which every transport carries books for the forces abroad, and Dr. M. L. Raney, librarian of Johns Hopkins University, has gone abroad as the representative of the Association to make certain that the men in our army and all organizations serving our troops are provided with the books they need.

Fiction is always welcome, but other up-to-date books are no less welcome. One camp librarian reports that ninety per cent of his circulation consists of "technical books, French, historical and war books."

The college library is glad to receive clean, well bound volumes and send them to the distributing center. Do not bring old and worn books. We send only such books as are suitable for library use by up-to-date and intelligent young men. One of these enlisted men recently asked at a camp library for a book on motors. The librarian gave him the best one he had, which had been recommended and purchased as up-to-date in every particular. The man glanced at it and handed it back. "I made the drawings for that," he said; "I want something better."

E. D. R.

THE CONSERVATION OF PLATINUM.

On January 22 a meeting was held in Boston to complete plans for the formation of a National Women's League for the Conservation of Platinum. Platinum is absolutely necessary to the manufacture of sulphuric acid according to the process now in use, and sulphuric acid is necessary to the manufacture of explosives. The latest supply of platinum to reach this country came by special messenger from Russia a short time ago. This will in all probability be our last increase for the duration of the war. Although platinum is not used up in the process of making acid, it does deteriorate and, not only this, but a great amount is being needed because of the greater demand for its products.

It is hoped that by arousing the women of this country to the government need, it will be considered bad taste to wear platinum jewelry. Will you do your share to decrease the amount of platinum being sold in this form? Don't let it be necessary for the government to take over all platinum, as England has had to do.

E. M. B.

THE WILLIAM H. BALDWIN PRIZE.

The National Municipal League has established for some years, an annual prize of one hundred dollars called the William H. Baldwin Prize, to be given to the author of the best essay on a subject connected with municipal government. For the year 1918 a prize of $100 will be offered to undergraduate students registered in a regular course in any college or university in the United States offering direct instruction in municipal government. The topic for this year's competition is the subject of "County Government in the State of ....," the state to be selected by the particular student. The successful essay will be published by the National Short Ballot Organization.

The essays must not exceed ten thousand words, and must be typewritten *in duplicate* and both copies mailed or delivered to an express company not later than March 15, 1918, addressed to Clinton Rogers Woodruff, Secretary of the National Municipal League, North American Building, Philadelphia, Pa., and marked "For the William H. Baldwin Prize." Competitors will mark each paper with a nom de plume, and enclose in a sealed envelope the full name, address, class, and college corresponding to such nom de plume.

This competition is one deserving particular attention by those specified to enroll. Last year eleven essays were submitted for the essay, *Tendencies in Municipal Budget Making,* and Miss Wilhelmina M. Josopait, Wellesley, '18, was ordered honorable mention by the judges. Mr. Edwin M. Cottrell, instructor 1915-17 at Wellesley in Constitutional Government, considered this opportunity for original thinking and spontaneous work of such importance that he encouraged his class to offer essays in this competition by accepting such essays as final papers.

ENGAGEMENT.

On Monday evening, February 11, the engagement of Beatrice Powell, '18, to Robert Nichols of Washington, D. C., was announced at an informal dinner at Shakespeare.